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In reply to the Examiner's Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on June 18, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

<u>Amendment</u>

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Amend claims 1 and 3 as follows.

1. (Amended) A nucleic acid comprising a modified gene encoding a non-mammalian antimicrobial protein, the gene including a sequence that codes for an amino acid sequence that is identical to the anti-microbial protein produced by the natural host except that the coding sequence includes one or more alterations that disrupt one or more mammalian post-translational processing events so that the non-mammalian protein is produced and secreted by mammalian cells in its active form.

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